



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5159**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 8-35a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (b) Before adopting the regional plan of conservation and  
5 development or any part thereof or amendment thereto, the agency  
6 shall hold at least one public hearing thereon, notice of the time, place  
7 and subject of which shall be given in writing to the chief executive  
8 officer and planning commission, where one exists, of each member  
9 town, city or borough. Notice of the time, place and subject of such  
10 hearing shall be published once in a newspaper having a substantial  
11 circulation in the region. Such notices shall be given not more than  
12 twenty days or less than ten days before such hearing. At least sixty-  
13 five days before the public hearing the regional planning agency shall  
14 post the plan on the Internet web site of the agency, if any, and submit  
15 the plan to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for  
16 findings in the form of comments and recommendations. By October 1,  
17 [2011] 2013, the secretary shall establish, by regulations adopted in  
18 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, criteria for such findings  
19 which shall include procedures for a uniform review of regional plans

20 of conservation and development to determine if a proposed regional  
 21 plan of conservation and development is not inconsistent with the  
 22 state plan of conservation and development and the state economic  
 23 strategic plan. The regional planning agency shall note on the record  
 24 any inconsistency with the state plan of conservation and development  
 25 and the reasons for such inconsistency. Adoption of the plan or part  
 26 thereof or amendment thereto shall be made by the affirmative vote of  
 27 not less than a majority of the representatives on the agency. The plan  
 28 shall be posted on the Internet web site of the agency, if any, and a  
 29 copy of the plan or of any amendments thereto, signed by the  
 30 chairman of the agency, shall be transmitted to the chief executive  
 31 officers, the town, city or borough clerks, as the case may be, and to  
 32 planning commissions, if any, in member towns, cities or boroughs,  
 33 and to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his  
 34 designee. The regional planning agency shall notify the Secretary of  
 35 the Office of Policy and Management of any inconsistency with the  
 36 state plan of conservation and development and the reasons therefor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	8-35a(b)
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**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*